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SUBJECT: REPS OF TEXAS JEWISH COMMUNITY VISIT LEA AND JLP

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1. ON THE WEEKEND OF OCT 23, A DELEGATION OF SAN ANTONIO JEWISH LEADERS CAME TO MEXICO TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA -THE VISIT AGREED UPON WHEN ECHEVERRIA VISITED SAN ANTONIO IN EARLY SEPTEMBER. MEMBERS OF THE DELEGATION INCLUDED WILLIAM SINKIN, JEFF FRIEDMAN(MAYOR OF SAN ANTONIO), LES MENDELSON, NOEL BRAUBER, CARL LIFSON, BEN STEIGAL("SAN ANTONIO LIGHT"), BOB ROSS(HEAD OF JEWISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL OF RELATIONS FOR SAN ANTONIO), MIKE BELDON, DR. ELLIOT WESSER, AND SIDNEY WEINTRAUB(FORMERLY DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE FOR FINANCIAL AFFAIRS AND AID).

2. ACCOMPANYING PRESIDEN ECHEVERRIA WHEN HE MET WITH THE DELEGATION AT HIS HOME WERE THE SECRETARIES OF TREASURY, INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE, TOURISM, AND FOREIGN RELATIONS (SUB-SECRETARY GALLASTEGUI.) PRESS COVERAGE OF THIS VISIT STRESSED ECHEVERRIA'S REMARKS ON RELATIONS BETWEEN MEXICO AND ISRAEL (REFTELS) ALSO EMPHASIZING THE NEW EL AL FLIGHT TO MEXICO CITY WHICH WILL BEGIN NOV 9.

3. THE DELEGATION MET THE FOLLOWING DAY WITH PRESIDENT-ELECT JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO IN A LESS PUBLICIZED APPOINTMENT.

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4. WEINTRAUB PASSED FOLLOWING COMMENTS TO

AMBASSADOR BEFORE DEPARTING MEXICO. HE SAID THE GROUP WAS PLEASED WITH BOTH CONVERSATIONS BUT NOTED THE DISTINCT DIFFERENCE IN STYLE BETWEEN THE OUTGOING AND IN-COMING PRESIDENTS. ECHEVERRIA, HE REMARKED, SEEMED A BIT "CONFUSED" LUMPING ISRAEL AND AMERICAN JEWS TOGETHER AS IF THEY WERE THE SAME. ECHEVERRIA SOUGHT TO JUSTIFY AND DEFEND HIS PAST ACTIONS IN MIDDLE EAST POLICY ON GROUNDS THAT HE HAD HOPED TO SERVE AS A "BRIDGE" BETWEEN THE ARABS AND ISRAELIS. JOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO, IN WEINTRAUB'S ESTIMATION, WAS MORE "BALANCED" AND LESS EMOTIONAL. JLP TOLD THE GROUP THERE WOULD BE NO MORE "MALENTENDIDOS" (MISUNDERSTANDINGS), ALTHOUGH THE PRESIDENT-ELECT DID NOT SPECIFY WILLINGNESS TO MAKE ANY POLICY CHANGES. WEINTRAUB ADDED THAT THE DELEGATION WAS PLEASED THAT BOTH MEXICAN LEADERS SPOKE HIGHLY OF THE ROLE OF THE MEXICAN JEWISH COMMUNITY IN MEXICO.
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